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November 15, 2020

Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church. If you are a guest or visitor with us today, we welcome you and invite you to come and worship with us again. Please take the time to introduce yourself to Pastor Hayes, and we hope to see you again soon.

Remember that the Worship Service begins when you enter. As the Music for Meditation begins, you are invited to join in quiet, preparation time for worship. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

Liturgy – Divine Service Setting Three (Page 184)

Opening Hymn: 661 "The Son of God Goes Forth to War"

Hymn of the Day: 714 "Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode"

Distribution Hymn: 757 "Lord, It Belongs Not to My Care"

Distribution Hymn: 709 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Distribution Hymn: 748 "I'm But a Stranger Here"

Distribution Hymn: 802 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Closing Hymn: 587 "I Know My Faith Is Founded"

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please e-mail prayer requests to Pastor Hayes at pastor.hayes@outlook.com.

Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.

Raymond Ohlde, Angie Reinert, LaVon Hornbostel, Lula Stuenkel, Marilyn Ohlde, & Loraine Oldehoeft (our nursing home residents)

Kamden Peters (eye surgery)

Cameron Hubbard

Robbie Oelschlager (chronic pain)

Kelly & Quinn Rhoades

Acolyte this Sunday - Zac Hiltgen

Acolytes next Sunday - Greyson Ohlde

Ushers this Sunday - *John Bott, Brady Kolle, Jacob Bott, & Cody Ohlde

Ushers next Sunday - *Evan Bott, Aaron Stuenkel, Cody Ohlde, & Tyler Ohlde

LYF Fellowship Hour duty today & Nov. 22nd - Claire Beikmann & Elijah Meier

LYF Fellowship Hour duty Nov. 29th & Dec. 6th - Ella & Eli Thalmann

Upcoming Events

November 15

9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School

November 18

5:30-6:30 p.m. Mid-Week & Confirmation

November 21

5:30 p.m. LLS Endowment Benefit Auction & Meal

November 22

9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School

Announcements

- * We've been asked to gather three items for the Angel Tree collection for Christmas: deodorant, body wash, and boxes of turkey stuffing; donations should be put in the parish hall and are due on or before **December 6th**.
- * The Linn Lutheran School Endowment Fund Benefit Auction will be held this **Saturday, Nov. 21st**. Any donation submissions from now on will be printed in the auction supplement. Donated items are needed by **Thursday, Nov. 19th**. Thank you for your continued support of Christian education in our community!
 - * Meal prices: adults - \$10; children 6-12 - \$5; children 5 & under - free
 - * Meal: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
 - * Silent Auction: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
 - * Live Auction: 7:00 p.m. - ???
- * **Sunday, Nov. 29**, will be the 1st Christmas program practice. We will practice after church during Sunday School from 10:45-11:30 a.m. Preschoolers will go to Sunday School from 10:45-11:05 a.m. and then join program practice till 11:30 a.m. Please direct questions to Mr. Beikmann. Debi Hornkohl will be in charge of preschoolers.
- * New funeral planning worksheets are now available. It is an act of love to consider how you want to confess your faith in Christ with your funeral for the benefit of your loved ones. These sheets need not be completed in their entirety. Please return them to Pastor's box. (If you have previously done this, a copy of the information we have is in your church box. Take no action to leave "as-is," or return the new form to make revisions).
- * This week on KFUO.org, we finish 2 Timothy and begin Titus on Sharper Iron's "The Word is Trustworthy" series (**weekdays at 8a.m.**), study a curious theological topic on Cross Defense (**Monday, 11/16, at 2 p.m.**), consider how our Lutheran Confessions tie into our life in the church on Concord Matters (**11/17 at 2 p.m.**), and continue studying 2 Samuel on Thy Strong Word (**weekdays at 11 a.m.**). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His Table those who trust His words, repent all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily, according to Holy Scripture, do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked to refrain from communing with us until such a time as they are properly instructed.

A short, more detailed explanation of our Confessional practice is available from our Ushers or Elders. If you would like to learn more about the Sacrament of the Altar and our confessional position, I would be happy to visit with you.

-Rev. Joshua Hayes, Pastor, St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

In preparation for Holy Communion, you may use the following statements as part of your self-examination:

- ☐ I admit that I am a sinner. **(1 John 1:8-10)**
- ☐ I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from all sin, from Satan and death. **(Acts 4:10-12; John 14:6)**
- ☐ I desire to live as God wants me to. **(John 14:15; 1 John 2:6)**
- ☐ I am sure of my eternal salvation because Jesus died for me and rose again. **(John 3:16; Romans 8:14; & 1 John 5:11-12)**
- ☐ I believe the Risen Christ is really present in Holy Communion and that with the bread and wine I receive His Body and Blood. **(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 4:22-24; 1 Cor. 10:16, 22:23ff; Luke 22:17-20)**
- ☐ I forgive those who have wronged me.

Please email any announcements for the bulletin to Theresa at theresa_meier@yahoo.com by noon on Friday.



Introit *(Psalm 85:1, 7, 9, 11; antiphon: Jeremiah 29:11a, 12)*

I know the plans I have for you, de- | clares the Lord,*
plans for wholeness and not for | evil.
Then you will call upon me and come and | pray to me,*
and I will | hear you.

Lord, you were favorable | to your land;*
you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.
Show us your steadfast love, | O Lord,*
and grant us your sal- | vation.
Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,*
that glory may dwell | in our land.
Faithfulness springs up | from the ground,*
and righteousness looks down | from the sky.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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Collect for the Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

* To join the audio broadcast from the parking lot during the service, tune in to FM 107.9. You may also come and listen from the parish hall, if it makes you more comfortable. Pastor can bring Holy Communion to you either way.

Old Testament Reading: *Proverbs 8:11-22*

¹¹ For wisdom is better than jewels,
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.
¹² “I, wisdom, dwell with prudence,
and I find knowledge and discretion.
¹³ The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil.
Pride and arrogance and the way of evil
and perverted speech I hate.
¹⁴ I have counsel and sound wisdom;
I have insight; I have strength.
¹⁵ By me kings reign,
and rulers decree what is just;
¹⁶ by me princes rule,
and nobles, all who govern justly.
¹⁷ I love those who love me,
and those who seek me diligently find me.
¹⁸ Riches and honor are with me,
enduring wealth and righteousness.
¹⁹ My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold,
and my yield than choice silver.
²⁰ I walk in the way of righteousness,
in the paths of justice,
²¹ granting an inheritance to those who love me,
and filling their treasuries.
²² “The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of old.”

Epistle Reading: *Philippians 3:17-21*

¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 22:15-22*

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶ And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not

swayed by appearances. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹ They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

As We Gather...

Render to God the things of God

When confronted with the civic duty of paying taxes, our Lord Jesus, Wisdom incarnate, walked “*in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice*” (**Proverbs 8:20**) and discerned that wisdom “*is better than jewels*” and “*better than gold, even fine gold*” (**Proverbs 8:11, 19**). When we set our minds on earthly things, such as wealth and passing glory, our “*end is destruction*” (**Philippians 3:19**). However, our humble and prudent Lord has rendered “*to God the things that are God’s*” (**Matthew 22:21**), namely, perfect fear, love, and trust, as well as the complete sacrifice for our sin. In so doing, He also rendered to Caesar the things of honor and justice, submitting to the law of the land that put Him on the cross. The true “*riches and honor are with [Him]*,” because “*enduring wealth and righteousness*” (**Proverbs 8:18**) are found in our heavenly citizenship from which “*we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ*.” He “*will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself*” (**Philippians 3:20-21**).

MORNING PRAYER

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life my please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

The Sunday of the Two Kingdoms

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

An Explanation of the Small Catechism The Apostles' Creed - The Second Article *(Continued)*

The Savior in the State of Humiliation

131. What do the Scriptures teach about Christ's life, suffering, and death?

They teach that Christ

A. endured poverty, contempt, and persecution in His earthly life;

452 **2 Corinthians 8:9** - Though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

453 **Matthew 8:20** - Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay His head.

454 **Isaiah 53:3** - He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

455 **John 8:40** - You are determined to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God.

Bible narratives: At His birth, Jesus had only strips of cloth and a manger (**Luke 2:7**). Herod tried to murder Him, but He escaped to Egypt (**Matthew 2:13**). In Nazareth, the people tried to throw Him down from the brow of the hill (**Luke 4:29**). In the temple, they picked up stones to stone Him (**John 8:59**).

B. suffered great agony of body and soul under Pontius Pilate;

456 **John 19:1-3** - Pilate took Jesus and had Him flogged. The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head. They clothed Him in a purple robe and went up to Him again and again, saying, "Hail, king of the Jews!" And they struck Him in the face.

Bible narrative: The suffering of Christ (**Mark 15:1-20**).

C. died in excruciating agony on the cross.

457 **John 19:16-18** - Finally Pilate handed Him over to them to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying His own cross, He went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). Here they crucified Him.

458 **Matthew 27:46** - About the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice... "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (He suffered the tortures of the damned in hell.)

459 **John 19:30** - He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

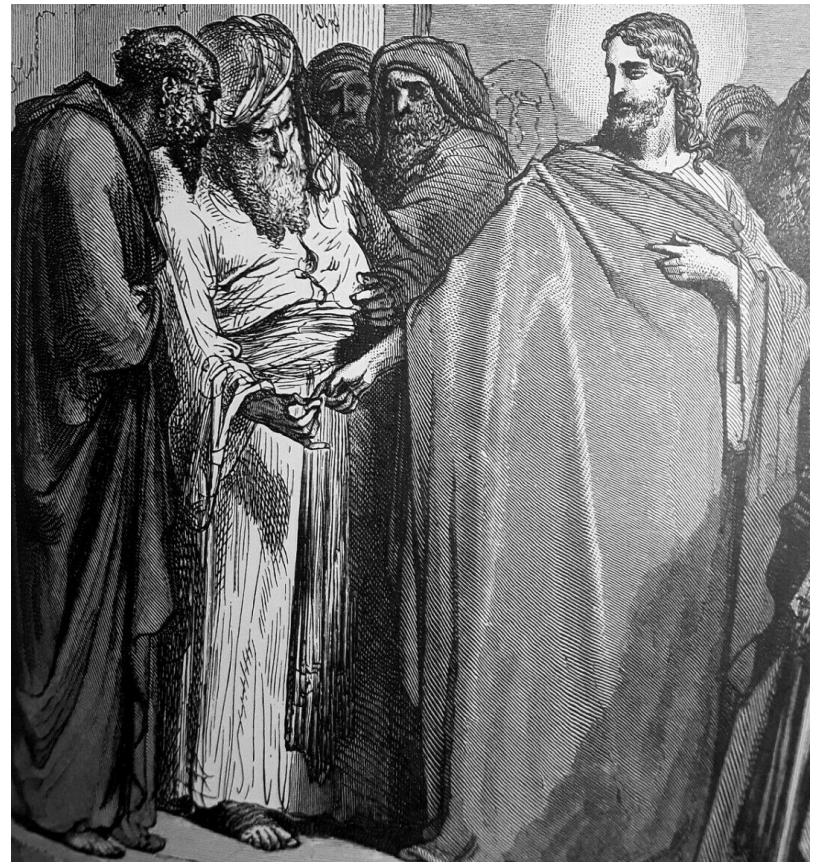
Bible narrative: The death of Christ (**Mark 15:21-41**).

132. What do the Scriptures teach about Christ's burial?

They teach that Christ's body was buried in the tomb and remained there until the third day, without decaying in any way.

460 **Acts 13:37** - The one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.

Bible narrative: The burial of Christ (**Mark 15:42-47**).



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